GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
CYBER CRIMES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have set up any Committee to fight cyber crimes;

(b) whether any methodology has been devised for intercepting SMS, e-mails and cyber-related crimes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any efforts are being made to have bilateral agreements with foreign countries to deal with cyber crimes committed on foreign lands but affecting India;

(e) if so, the status thereof;

(f) whether there is any proposal to bring cyber-cafes and SMS messages under the existing laws to tackle the cyber crimes; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) and (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO INREPLYTO LOK SABHASTARRED QUESTIONNO.158 FOR 30.07.2003 REGARDING CYBE CRIMES

(a): Yes, Sir. Appropriate steps have been taken by the Government on an on going basis to fight cyber crimes in a coordinated multi-agency effort.

(b) and (c): Appropriate technology tools are developed to counter cyber crime as required.

(d) and (e): Need based cooperation of foreign countries is secured in this regard.

(f) and (g): A Working Group has been constituted to suggest appropriate changes in the Information Technology Act, 2000 with a view to tackling the emerging trends in cyber crime.